



Method of Transmission: EV298199218US

CASE DOCKET NO. 239603PL-011

In reference to application of Erol Basturk et al.

Serial No. 09/393,768

## For Method for Load-balancing with FIFO Guarantees in Multipath Networks

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is and an amendment in the above-identified application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.312.

- No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant claims Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.

***** CLAIMS AS AMENDED *****							
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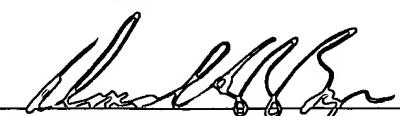
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**Response B**

Dear Sir,

**In the claims:**

The claims presented for examination are reproduced below with  
indication of amendment status.

1. (Original) A method for routing packets in a multipath network of nodes, each packet having a routing in the network determined by a directed-graph index, comprising;  
accessing a tag of a packet at a first node;  
determining a second node by using the tag to access a routing bias table;  
calculating an updated tag from the tag;  
replacing the tag of the packet with the updated tag to give an
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